



COLLEGE STATION POLICE DEPARTMENT INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: Scott McCollum, Chief of Police

FROM: Lt. Rodney Sigler

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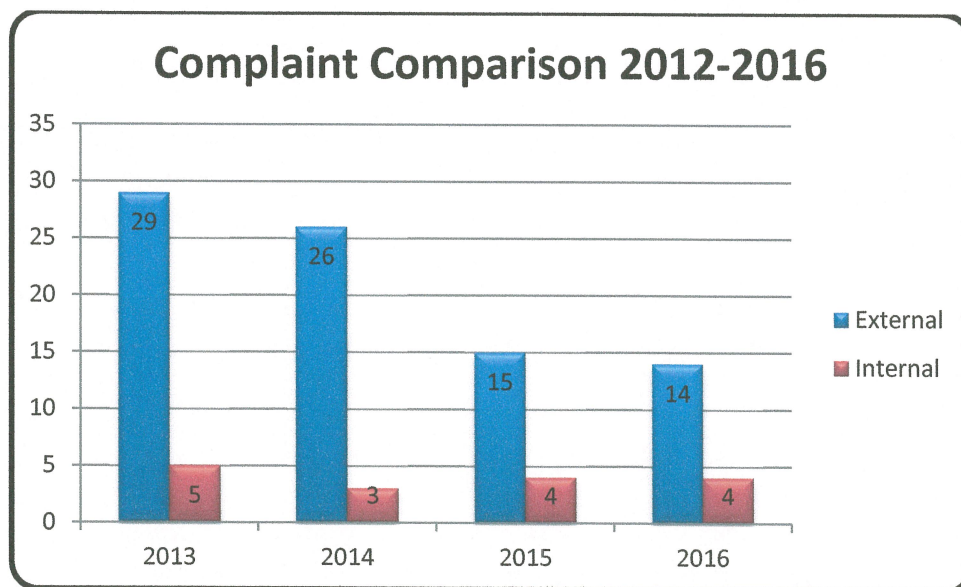
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STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

This document contains a statistical summary of 2016 internal affairs investigations as mandated by Chapter 26 Section 2 (a) (3) of the College Station Police Department Policy.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

In 2016 there were a total of 18 complaints filed with the Internal Affairs Division compared to 19 in 2015. This represents a decrease of 5%.



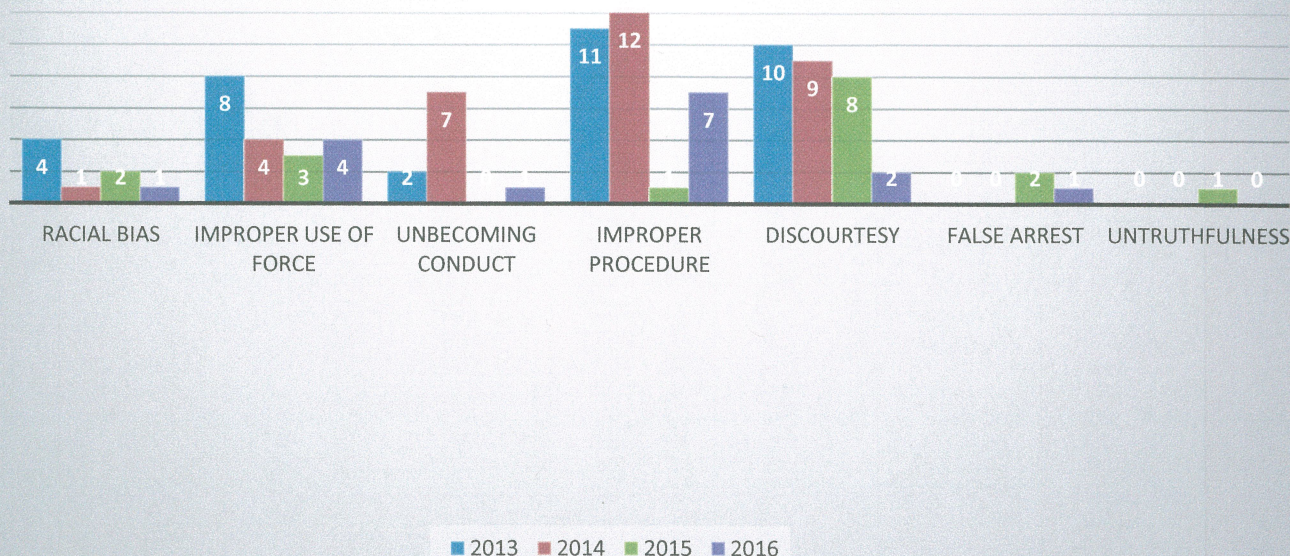
EXTERNAL COMPLAINTS 2015

In 2016, there were a total of 14 complaints with 16 allegations originating from persons outside of the department. This resulted in a 7 % decrease in complaints received when compared to 2015. In comparing the last four years of external complaints the yearly average is 21 which means we received 33 % fewer complaints than the four year average. The last two years has seen a decrease in external complaints which seems to coincide with the proliferation of body worn cameras.

In 2016, there were 7 allegations of Improper Procedure, which was the leading type of all alleged misconduct (50%). Excessive Force was the second most common external complaint with 4 reported, followed by Discourtesy with 2, and Racial Bias, Unbecoming Conduct and False Arrest with one each. There were two external complaints sustained in 2016, one for Discourtesy and one for Improper Procedure. Both were disciplined with Documented Counseling. Eleven of the allegation were exonerated while two were Unfounded and one Not Sustained.

2016 External Complaints (14 complaints with 16 allegations)					
Class 1	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	NFA
Racial Bias				1	
Improper Use of Force				4	
Unbecoming Conduct				1	
False Arrest				1	
Class II	Unfounded	Not Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	NFA
Improper Procedure	1	1	1	4	
Discourtesy	1		1		
Totals	2	1	2	11	0

External Complaint Comparizon

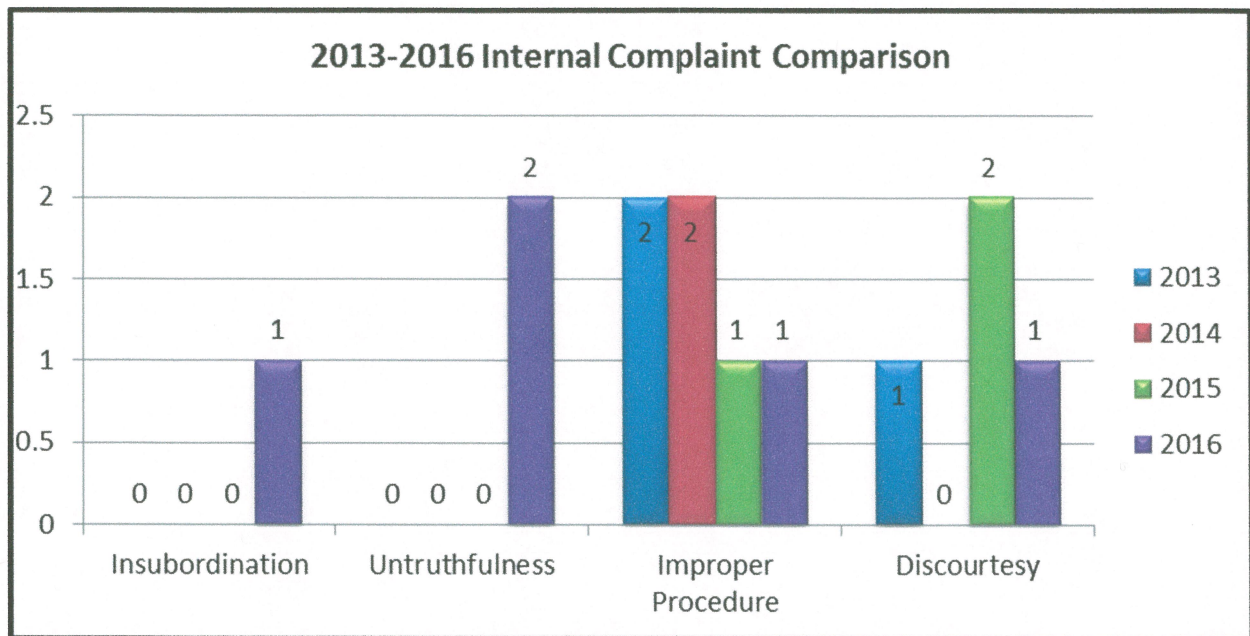


Seventy nine percent of the external complaints received involved personnel assigned to Patrol. There were two complaints on Motor Officers and one on CSTEP.

INTERNAL COMPLAINTS 2016

In 2016 there were a total of 4 complaints filed by personnel within the department, which is the same as 2015. All four of the internal complaints filed were sustained. One for Untruthfulness resulted in termination for a patrol officer and one for Untruthfulness and Insubordination resulted in resignation to avoid termination of a patrol officer. One was for Discourtesy and involved two employees both of whom were in Communications. One employee received a one day suspension and the other received a Written Reprimand. The last was for Improper Procedure and resulted in a Written Reprimand for a Communications employee.

2016 Internal Complaints (4 complaints and 5 allegations)							
Class I	Received	Unfounded	Not Involved	Not Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	Policy Failure
Untruthfulness	2				2		
Insubordination	1				1		
Class II	Received	Unfounded	Not Involved	Not Sustained	Sustained	Exonerated	Policy Failure
Improper Procedure	1				1		
Discourtesy	1				1		
Totals	5	0	0	0	5	0	0



CONCLUSION:

The data shows that complaints have been lower the past two years compared to historical complaint numbers. As mentioned earlier, it appears as though the proliferation of body worn cameras may have helped in this area by altering behavior of persons contacted as well as officers. In addition, the cameras often provide immediate proof or disproof of the legitimacy of any accusations. The data suggest that the Uniformed Patrol Division is more likely to be the subject of an investigation than other members of the department. The Uniformed Patrol Division is however the largest division and has the most interaction with the public, so this occurrence would not be unexpected. In reviewing and compiling the data, I did not observe any patterns that indicated there was a systematic problem.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I have no recommended changes at this time.